

City of Detroit Financial Advisory Board
Minutes
September 10, 2012
2:00 P.M.

Wayne State University
McGregor Memorial Conference Center
495 Ferry Mall
Detroit, Michigan 48202

Members Present:

Darrell Burks
Ronald E. Goldsberry
Mary Beth Kuderik
Eddie Munson
Sandra Pierce
Glenda Price
Kenneth Whipple

Members Absent:

Robert A. Bowman
W. Howard Morris

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Pierce called the meeting to order at 2:00 P.M. Seven Financial Advisory Board members were present, a quorum.

Roll Call – Darrell Burks, Ronald E. Goldsberry, Mary Beth Kuderik, Eddie Munson, Sandra Pierce, Glenda Price and Kenneth Whipple present.

By motion made and supported, the Board unanimously voted 7-0 (via roll call vote) to approve today's agenda.

II. APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

By motion made and supported, the Board unanimously voted 7-0 (via roll call vote) to approve the August 13, 2012, Board meeting minutes.

III. PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Kriss Andrews, Program Management Director, City of Detroit, walked through the Executive Summary of the handout titled City of Detroit-Discussion Document-September 10, 2012.

Mr. Lamont Satchel, Labor Attorney for the City of Detroit, provided an update on the City Employment Terms (CET), page 6 of the handout. Ms. Pierce requested a list of all pending initiatives with their status and timing of completion. Lamont will make available.

Mr. Andrews reviewed the prioritized Annex B initiatives, page 8 of the handout.

Ms. Pierce clarified the action by the Financial Advisory Board around initiatives; informed that FAB created three subcommittees and that each subcommittee has been assigned to various initiatives. FAB requested and expects a partner assigned from the City to each initiative. The City partner will work with the FAB/subcommittee members to keep FAB informed and included early on in the process in order to be helpful and assist in any way.

FAB questioned the cost of the initiatives as labeled in the document and reinforced the need for efficiency, sense of urgency, resources, and funds in order to implement.

FAB reiterated the offer to be a resource and requested to be involved early (not at time the report is made) in order to assist and be more helpful. Jack Martin indicated he has sent copies of documents to the subcommittee members for comments prior to presenting to FAB.

Mr. Andrews confirmed there would be an outside review of the Police and Fire departments endorsed by Chief Godbee. It is their hope to have it organized in the next 30 days.

Mr. Andrews informed that the Milliman Group is moving forward and is presenting to City Council next week.

Mr. Patrick Aquart, Human Resources Director, City of Detroit, provided an update on the Payroll system upgrade: RFP is complete and will be released on Wednesday. They expect to have vendors by end of November and the project will start January 7, 2013.

Ms. Pierce inquired about additional initiatives mentioned previously by Mr. Andrews. Mr. Andrews answered; two will involve recreation, the other three are: 1) review of revenue cycle of City; 2) review the assets and leases to ensure no unutilized or above market leases or unnecessary leases; 3) expense review of all city departments.

Mr. Andrews and Mr. Brown provided updates around the McKinsey report, previous reviews of City Departments.

FAB requested a summary of expenditures activity by department, identification of the key departments of focus along with their priorities, and their goals.

Mr. Brown reviewed page 10 of handout regarding DDOT. He invited FAB members to take separate tours to see operations and to experience real issues.

Mr. Brown introduced Mr. Mark Ash, a consultant/expert who came from the city of Rochester who leads the management team reviewing DDOT (page 11).

Mr. Brown presented an update on the Public Lighting Department (page 32).

Mr. Jack Martin provided a financial update (page 49).

IV. BOARD ACTION AND/OR DISCUSSION ITEMS

Eddie Munson, FAB member, read aloud the Resolution regarding DDOT as presented by the City of Detroit. By motion made and supported, the Board unanimously voted 7-0 (via roll call vote) to approve the adoption of the Resolution.

V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/COMMENTS

There were six individuals requesting to address the Board: 1) Stephen Boyle, Free Detroit; 2) Julie Semma, DATA; 3) Kenneth Cheyne; 4) Councilwomen Saunteel Jenkins; 5) Valerie Glenn; 6) Cecily McLellan.

VI. MOTION TO ADJOURN

There being no further business, and by motion and second, Ms. Pierce adjourned the meeting at 4:22 P.M.

Date Approved: **October 8, 2012**